

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 4, 29, 31, 32, 37 and 38 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 3, 30 and 35 as follows.

Claims 1 and 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:  
a hermetic container including, as constructive members, a first substrate and a second substrate opposite to each other, with an electrode having a specified electric potential, and an external frame disposed between said first substrate and said second substrate, with said electrode disposed on said second substrate and located outside of said hermetic container;  
image display means and wiring for displaying disposed within said hermetic container;  
a conductive bonding member for sealing said first substrate and said external frame, said bonding member extending outside of said hermetic container, from a sealing area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode; and  
a frit that separates said conductive bonding member from said wiring for displaying.

Claims 4-26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the electric potential of said electrode is specified at a constant level.

28. (Previously Presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the electric potential of said electrode is specified at a ground level.

Claim 29. (Cancelled).

30. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:  
a hermetic container including, as constructed members, a first substrate and a second substrate, opposite to each other, with an electrode having a specified electric potential, and an external frame disposed between said first substrate and said second substrate, with said electrode disposed on said second substrate and located outside of said hermetic container;

image display means disposed within said hermetic container; and  
a conductive bonding member for sealing said first substrate and said external frame, said bonding member extending outside of said hermetic container, from a sealing area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to come in contact with said electrode.

Claims 31 and 32. (Cancelled).

33. (Previously Presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the electric potential of said electrode is specified at a constant level.

34. (Previously Presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 30, wherein the electric potential of said electrode is specified at a ground level.

35. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:  
a first substrate;  
a second substrate with an electrode, which is disposed opposite to said first substrate;  
an external frame disposed between said first substrate and said second substrate, with said electrode disposed on said second substrate and located outside of said external frame; and  
a conductive bonding member for sealing said first substrate and said external frame, which is disposed between said first substrate and said external frame,  
wherein said conductive bonding member extends outside of said external frame, from an area between said first substrate and said external frame to said electrode to be in contact with said electrode.

36. (Previously Presented) An image display apparatus according to claim 35, wherein at least said first substrate, said second substrate, said external frame, and said conductive bonding member form a hermetic container.

Claims 37 and 38. (Cancelled).